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Departure of Director, FBIS

[ ] Director of FBIS, announced 12 January that he would be leaving FBIS and beginning a new assignment in another directorate in late January. [ ]

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*In a message to FBIS managers he said: "Please convey my sincere appreciation to all FBIS employees for their excellent efforts of the past three years. I have been proud to be a part of FBIS and wish everyone well for the future."* [ ]

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Andropov Succession

Beginning the evening of 10 November, when program changes on Moscow television and radio indicated a top-level Soviet official had died, the FBIS Wire Service was in constant touch by phone with major watch centers, including the White House Situation Room and State Operations. At 0251 gmt on 11 November, FBIS initiated a CRITIC citing a Japanese press agency report monitored by Okinawa Bureau that the Soviet Union would officially announce Brezhnev's death at 0300. This was the first solid report that Brezhnev had indeed died. Three followup CRITICS were filed based on official announcements from Radio Moscow and TASS relayed by London Bureau. The White House Situation Room told FBIS that its reports were "invaluable." FBIS initiated another CRITIC early on 12 November when a TANJUG report monitored by Austria Bureau was confirmed as the first report of Yuriy Andropov's appointment as CPSU General Secretary. [ ]

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Analysis Group distributed a collation of key Andropov statements directly to about a dozen Intelligence Community recipients and followed up with a Special Memorandum entitled "Andropov on Major International Issues: The Public Record." In addition, USSR Division and JPRS issued a collection of translated major speeches and articles by Andropov including some unique material from a collection of untranslated Andropov speeches first published by the Soviets in 1979. The 331-page report, entitled "Collection of Speeches and articles by Yuriy Andropov," carried Andropov's picture on its front cover, which the JPRS photographer was able to work up from color photographs supplied by the White House.

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Analysis Group's TRENDS of 17 November was dedicated to the "Soviet succession" and included numerous photographs from Soviet television monitored by London and Okinawa bureaus. A senior Agency analyst, who called the issue "superb," passed a copy to Vice President Bush. [ ]

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Of special interest to the White House Situation Room was the TASS version of the foreign policy portion of Andropov's 22 November speech to the CPSU Central Committee Plenum filed by London Bureau. The item was promptly passed to President Reagan through Judge Clark for the President's information in preparing for his television speech on the MX missile deployment the evening of 22 November. [ ]

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At the request of analysts preparing the President's Daily Brief (PDB), the Wire Services Staff made special arrangements with London Bureau for direct teletype transmission from the bureau to the PDB staff of the text of Andropov's 21 December speech on the 60th anniversary of the USSR. The PDB staff was thus able to prepare a prompt analysis of the speech which was sent to the White House early on the morning of 21 December. [ ]

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#### Soviet Television, Pressfax

FBIS' satellite monitoring capability significantly enhanced coverage of this year's Soviet October Revolution anniversary events. Soviet telecasts of the anniversary monitored by Okinawa and London bureaus yielded prompt pictures of new Soviet military hardware. In addition, the facsimile monitoring of PRAVDA by Okinawa bureau on the occasion of the anniversary provided prompt reporting of Chinese messages to the Soviets, of interest to FBIS Analysis Group. [ ]

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Okinawa's regular coverage of USSR pressfax material began officially on 5 November, in good time for coverage of Soviet media on the 11 November announcement of the death of Brezhnev and succeeding events. The bureau's Russian capability was greatly enhanced with the TDY of London PMU monitor/editors [ ] In addition to processing a high volume of timely press material following Brezhnev's death, they texted, with the aid of the bureau's Russian Unit chief, the 12-take Baybakov and the 10-take Garbuzov reports to the 23 November session of the USSR Supreme Soviet from the 24 November pressfaxed IZVESTIYA. Both reports were filed in time for publication in the 24 November DAILY REPORT. [ ]

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#### Coup Reporting

November was an exceptional month for Abidjan bureau with two coups occurring in the bureau's coverage area, in Upper Volta and Ghana. Bureau reporting on the foiled coup in Ghana drew this comment from the BBC Newsbureau: "If you have been listening to the BBC World Service you will know that your reportage has been a lead item in morning bulletins." These two events helped push the monthly bureau file total to an all-time high of nearly 300,000 words. [ ]

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FBIS Organizational Changes

## Director's Office

A Systems Development Staff has been established, reporting directly to the Director, FBIS. The new staff will have general responsibility for the planning and development of automated technical systems in FBIS and will provide technical/management review of modernization planning.

[ ] has transferred to FBIS from another component to head the new staff. The former Systems Coordination Branch of the Executive and Planning Staff becomes part of the SDS. Engineering Division of Operations Group continues to have primary responsibility for INTERNET and ROSET. [ ]

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## Analysis Group

Analysis Group's Asia/Africa/Latin America Branch was renamed the Third World Branch, and the Strategic Issues Branch was renamed the Soviet Foreign Policy Branch. [ ] Chief Analyst/China-Third World, directs the China Branch and Third World Branch; [ ] Chief Analyst/USSR-Europe, directs the USSR-East Europe Branch and the Soviet Foreign Policy Branch, and oversees the Middle East Media pilot project. [ ]

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## Production Group

Programs of the USSR Division's Nationalities Branch, headed by [ ] [ ] have been regrouped into the Euro/Caucasian Republics Program and the Muslim Republics Program. [ ]

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The other two divisions, now called "ELAAD" and "NEAD," were restructured to align them more closely to the principal analytic/production offices, effect a more rational use of language resources, and maintain parity in the tables of organization of those divisions. "ELAAD" now includes the West Europe, Latin America/Africa and East Europe branches, headed by [ ] respectively. Directing "NEAD's" China, Near East and Asia branches are [ ] and [ ] respectively. [ ]

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Production Group's Special Program Coordinator has been given the additional responsibilities of coordinating and editing the Foreign Press Notes and serving as the Group's focal point for Media Notes. [ ] recently assigned as coordinator, will also oversee the FBIS/JPRS worldwide reports. [ ]

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Health Study

The Health Study for FBIS initiated by OMS is proceeding and statistical results are expected to be known sometime in the spring. [ ] who is conducting the study for OMS, reported that as of 7 December there had been a 51% response by persons who received the questionnaires in the field bureaus. This is considered a good statistical base and should provide some valuable conclusions about health and morale concerns in FBIS. In addition, [ ] interviewed numerous persons during his visits to 11 field bureaus. [ ]

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JPRS Anniversary

Congratulatory messages were received on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Joint Publications Research Service (JPRS). The DCI said in a letter to Chief, JPRS: "May I assure you that you are rendering an extremely important service to analysts of the intelligence community and others concerned with foreign affairs." In commending JPRS for its exceptional job, the DD/S&T said: "We often hear of the lack of foreign language skills in this country, so I know that the thousands of pages of translations you publish every month represent a truly outstanding effort." [ ]

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JPRS Contractors

As of 30 December 1982, the total number of JPRS independent contractors stands at [ ] since 30 June 1982. [ ]

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Community Appointment

[ ] chief of JPRS, was appointed chairman of the Open Source Subcommittee of the Human Resources Committee of the DCI, effective December 1982. The subcommittee, which replaces the Advisory Group on Open Source Intelligence (AGOSI), will be considering all aspects of open source intelligence, from procurement to dissemination. [ ]

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Reporting on Indochina

FBIS received high marks in the Intelligence Community Staff's recent assessment of HUMINT reporting [ ] Community analysts identified FBIS as "currently the main source for information on the [ ] leadership and internal political developments" and a major source of similar information on [ ] A list of significant analytical reports appended to the new collection plan includes [ ]

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Ambassador's Comment

An article in the 6 October TRENDS on Soviet and Chinese media behavior during the bilateral talks that opened in Beijing on the 5th received compliments from Ambassador Hummel in Beijing for the "excellent and comprehensive review." The article was wirefiled to the embassy on the date of publication. It drew on support from a number of bureaus, including special efforts by the London PMU and the Bangkok and Okinawa bureaus. [ ]

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Special Services

The broad, and often unique, range of services which FBIS components continually provide consumers is evidenced in the following sampling:

+The White House Speech Writers Office obtained from ELAAD's [ ] statements made by Brazilian President Figueredo, in connection with President Reagan's Latin America trip. [ ] also of ELAAD, provided an article surveying the foreign debts of Latin America countries which was used in a briefing for President Reagan prior to his trip. [ ]

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[ ] of ELAAD were asked to translate into French some 27 pages of text and 45 transparencies to be used at a NATO meeting in December. [ ]

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[ ] of NEAD was invited by the Library of Congress's Gift and Exchange Division to select books and monographs of value from the 1983 MPR Bookstore Catalog for the Library of Congress and FBIS. She selected some 60 items. [ ]

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[ ] of UD briefed analysts of the Fourth Psychological Operations Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina on open sources in the study of Soviet nationalities. [ ]

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+During the period 11-26 October, [ ] of USSR Division compiled 8 pages of Soviet grain yield and procurement figures from various press sources which were arranged geographically and chronologically to facilitate use by analysts. [ ]

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+At the request of the Rapid Deployment Task Force, FBIS bureaus filed worldwide reaction to a military exercise "Jade Tiger" conducted 4 November-9 December in Oman, Sudan, and Somalia. [ ]

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+FBIS was asked to provide to the JCS Special Operations Division worldwide reporting on a combined training exercise involving U.S. and Honduran forces in Honduras to be held from 26 January to 11 February.

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+At the request of the U.S. delegation to the Israeli-Lebanese talks, the FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau, on 29 and 30 December, telexed all Israeli media reportage and comment on the talks directly to the U.S. delegation at Qiryat Shemona.

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+In response to a request from the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, FBIS Tel Aviv bureau provided expeditious service to Special Envoy Habib in Beirut, filing at "immediate" precedence a Sharon interview with the Israeli paper MA'ARIV on the U.S. role in mediating between the Israelis and Lebanese.

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### Southern African Coverage

Swaziland Bureau's operating hours were expanded in mid-October to include evening and weekend shifts, allowing the bureau to assume almost all of the coverage now done by the BBC unit in Malawi. The BBC is planning to close its Malawi station at the end of March.

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The Swaziland Bureau's press coverage program now includes publications from nine countries--Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Lesotho. In upcoming weeks, the bureau will add to its program publications from Mozambique.

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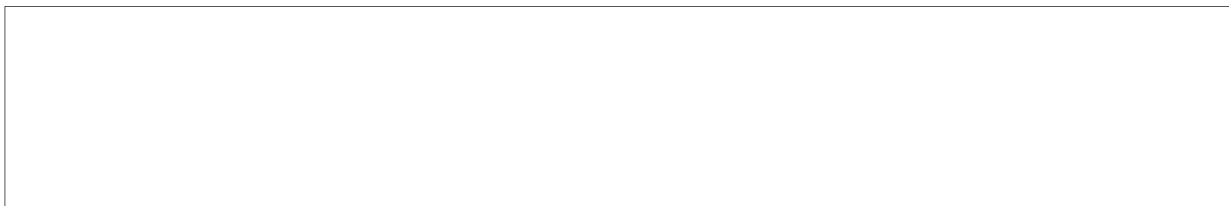
### Field Traffic Report

Communication Center's latest semi-annual traffic report, based on the period 17-23 October 1982, showed that field bureaus filed to Headquarters a daily average of 302,901 words. This is the first time that the daily file has passed the 300,000-word mark since the reports were initiated in 1975.

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Community Affairs

As of 22 November, FBIS collected \$11,757 or 126.5 percent of its assigned goal in the Combined Federal Campaign. Some 44.6 percent of our employees participated in the campaign for contributions for 1983.



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To continue a longtime tradition, FBIS Headquarters employees contributed \$200 to Children's Hospital in lieu of sending Christmas cards to each other. An additional JPRS donation amounted to \$60.00.



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The generosity of Panama Bureau employees made it possible for the underprivileged children of the village of Utive to receive Christmas presents, including a swing set which will be located in the village's plaza.



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